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City of Dearborn Receives Cool Cities “Neighborhoods in Progress” Designation

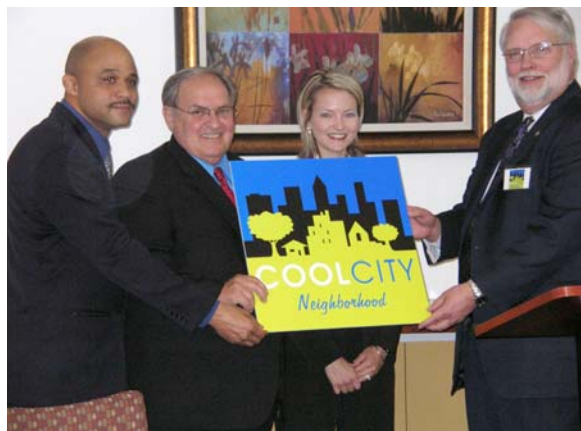
October 12, 2006 – Robert W. Swanson, director of the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG), recently announced that the City of Dearborn has been selected as a Cool Cities “Neighborhoods in Progress” designee.

This project received the Cool Cities designation and priority access to state resources, without the catalyst funding. “We had the funding available for 12 Neighborhoods in Progress, however we received 16 outstanding for proposals. As a result, we opted to add Adrian, Dearborn, Cadillac, and Saginaw projects as Cool Cities designees to assist their projects with the resources we have available including priority access and technical assistance,” said Department of Labor & Economic Growth Director Robert W. Swanson. “We’ve learned from past Cool Cities projects that just the designation alone gives them an opportunity to leverage significant investment into their communities.”

The City is creating a new Visitor and Welcome Center in the historic, centrally located Bryant Library is the next step in our redevelopment strategy. Combined City, Chamber and tourism resources will inform and assist visitors and investors.

The Cool Cities Program is part of Governor Jennifer M. Granholm’s economic plan to help revitalize Michigan’s cities by retaining and attracting the jobs and people critical to the emerging economies of the 21st century. The program is funded by redirecting existing resources in state government.

The 12 projects receiving the Cool Cities Neighborhoods in Progress and catalyst grant are located in Benton Harbor, Detroit (3), Flint, Grand Rapids, Howell, Ionia, Lansing, Mount Clemens, Muskegon, and Pontiac. The four projects that received the Cool Cities designation and priority access to state resources, without the \$100,000 catalyst funding are: Adrian, Cadillac, Dearborn and Saginaw.



Department of Labor & Economic Growth director Robert W. Swanson (right) presents a sign designating Dearborn as a Cool Cities Neighborhood in Progress.



Pictured left to right: State Representative Morris Hood III, Jennifer Giering, Gino Polidori, and Fagrouz Saad